rupees in India and the goods are carried on Indian vessels and (b) the exporters will be given replenishment licence on exports in question at the rate of 11% if the goods are exported on Indian vessels as against the normal rate of 10%.

Disappearance of Files in D. T. C.

1724 SHRI J. P. GOYAL : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item published in the Hindustan Times of 21st February, 1986 under the caption "Files destroyed to abort explosure";

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what are the details of officers of the Delhi Transport Corporation who are responsible for the disappearance of the files; and

(d) what action Government have taken against the erring officers and what steps have been taken to trace the missing files ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) DTC has reported that their file papers regarding policy decisions about the engagement of 200 private operator's buses against advertisement given in October, 1983, is not traceable.

(c) and (d) The services of senior officer who was dealing with the subject, have since been terminated, under rules.

Purchase of Computer by the Delhi Public Library

1725. SHRI J. P. GOYAL : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Public Library purchased a computer without consulting the Department of Electronics and in violation of Government's directives;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government against the persons responsible for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Savings due to electrification of Railways

1726. SHRI J. P. GOYAL : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) how much diesel was saved by the Railways during the last three years changing over to electrification; and

(b) what is the percentage of savings vis-a-vis the total diesel consumption in the country.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) and (b) On the assumption that if the traffic hauled by electric traction was to be hauled by Diesel traction, the national savings of High Speed Diesel oil consumption and the percentage of such savings to the total estimated High Speed Diesel oil consumption in the country

during the last three years are estimated as follows :—

Year	Estimated savings in High Speed Diesel oil consumption in Kilolitres	Percentage of estimated savings to the estimated total High Speed Diesel oil consumed in the country
1982-83	549080	3·82
1983-84	576553	3·82
1984-85	584186	3·56

Unreserved travel scheme

1727. SHRI J. P. GOYAL : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railways have introduced an unreserved travel scheme;

(b) which are the zones where this scheme has been introduced; or proposed to be introduced; and

(c) what are the reasons for introducing such a scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAV RAO SCINDIA) : (a) to (c) Prior to 1981, there was no unreserved accommodation in a large number of long distance Mail/Express trains. In March 1981, it was decided to attach 2 unreserved coaches on each of these trains to facilitate passengers travelling at last minute. This policy has been implemented on most of the trains except Rajdhani Expresses.

Study on accidents

1728 SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Road Transport Council along with another organisation made a study on the road accidents in the country;

(b) if so, what are their findings and what is the number of accidents per 10,000 vehicles; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to combat the problems of accidents ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT) : (a) The National Transportation Planning and Research Centre, Trivandrum have recently conducted a study on accidents-prone locations along National Highways in Kerala.

(b) On the basis of accident-data, the NATPAC has identified 23 accident-prone locations along national highways in Kerala for further study and for formulating improvement plans. The study also revealed that 33% of the accidents involved heavy vehicles and 25% involved pedestrians. The general studies of road accidents indicate that defects in the vehicle, the driver and the road are contributory factors of road accidents.